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TAGS: MOPS

SUBJECT: JCS EXERCISE ELEGANT EAGLE 76

1. THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WILL CONDUCT AN ANNUAL REGIONAL CONTINGENCY/CRISIS ACTION COMMAND POST EXERCISE NICKNAMED "ELEGANT EAGLE 76" BETWEEN OCTOBER 4-8. ELEGANT EAGLE IS A US-ONLY EXERCISE (EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN CANADIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL SUPPORTING NORAD) AND INVOLVES ONLY SIMULATED MOVEMENT OF FORCES.

2. THE POLITICAL/MILITARY SCENARIO FOR ELEGANT EAGLE IS DESIGNED TO TEST CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND COMMAND/CONTROL. EXERCISE SCENARIO ALSO INVOLVES EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST AND AZORES.

3. BECAUSE OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SOME ASPECTS OF EXERCISE SCENARIO, DEPARTMENT CONCURRED ON THE UNDERSTAND-

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ING EXERCISE TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC WOULD BE MARKED NOFORN

AND THAT PRESS TREATMENT WOULD BE MINIMAL AND ON IF ASKED BASIS. ANY RESPONSE TO PRESS WILL BE LIMITED TO ROUTINE, PERIODIC NATURE OF JCS-SPONSORED COMMAND POST EXERCISES AND WILL NOT RPT NOT ACKNOWLEDGE GEOGRAPHIC FOCI OF THE EXERCISE.

4. THERE WILL BE NO PARTICIPATION BY DIPLOMATIC POSTS ABROAD OR USUN. IF POSTS INADVERTENTLY RECEIVE EXERCISE TELEGRAMS FROM ANY SOURCE, NO RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. EXERCISE TELEGRAMS WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY FLAG WORDS EXERCISE ELEGANT EAGLE 76 AT BEGINNING AND END OF TEXT.

5. INFO ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE THAT NO REPEAT NO EXERCISE MESSAGES ARE SENT TO US DIPLOMATIC POSTS ABROAD.

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